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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6092**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1025

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 14, 2010

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Northwest Indiana Transportation Study Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Niezgodski

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Northwest Indiana Transportation Study Commission. It requires the Commission to:

- (1) monitor the development of commuter transportation and rail service in the Lowell-Chicago and Valparaiso-Chicago corridors;
- (2) study all aspects of regional mass transportation and road and highway needs in northwest Indiana;
- (3) study Northwest Indiana transportation, infrastructure, and economic development issues; and
- (4) study other topics as assigned by the Legislative Council.

It provides that the Commission consists of 14 voting members: 6 Senators from northwest Indiana; 6 members of the House of Representatives from northwest Indiana; one nonlegislator appointed by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission; and one nonlegislator appointed by the Michiana Area Council of Governments. The bill provides that the Commission does not expire.

(The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the Northwest Indiana Transportation Study Commission.)

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. The fund affected is the state General Fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Those units which might come under review by the Commission.

**Information Sources:**

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